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Density Automated Library

Group Art Unit: 2653

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A fee of \$200.00 is required for 1 additional independent claim converted from a dependent claim. No additional fees are believed to be necessary. If, however, any additional fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to Storage Technology Corporation Deposit Account No. 19-4545. A one-month extension of time is believed to be necessary. Please charge the \$120.00 fee for the one-month extension of time to Storage Technology Corporation Deposit Account No. 19-4545. No additional extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an additional extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to Storage Technology Corporation Deposit Account No. 19-4545.

In response to the Office Action dated August 11, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the drawings begin on page 4 of this paper.

Listing of claims begins on page 5 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.